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Scale How,

Ambleside. Oct. 2 - 1815

My dearest Lennie

Your letter does my heart good  
for I too have been anxious about you - but  
I knew you would acquiesce in whatever our  
Father & Master sends. Yes. I see that - Coas  
& possible sorrow will draw you nearer to  
the dear people who know want & hardship  
husbands & sons. I have seen things much  
comparable in a phrase in the 46<sup>th</sup> Ps. "The floods they  
shall make glad the city of God" - what a lot  
of that gladness we have coming out of such  
of misery & devastation! - people ready to give  
their lives & their goods & their love. & such  
a right-judgment in all things in Reproves Public!  
Our friends were all ask - But - had you any  
news? And that really was the chief anxiety.  
A friend of ours in B. N. took in a little Italian  
paper. the Corriere della Sera - which we read upon  
with joy for it - loved us & gave true news

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Scale Ho, to,  
Ambleside.

but - you should have seen the enormous joy  
with which we all seized on a belated copy of  
the Times. Aug. 5: When, reached me on the 23. <sup>F</sup>airs-  
were made as that the people in the various hotels  
had it each in turn, & a month later  
one most radiant faces. people who were glowing  
because their country was doing & thinking right.

I am much touched by the hearty wedding  
& all that it implies! I shall think daily of  
your three gallant sons & their gallant wives!

I am vexed that my little del. & <sup>girl</sup> ~~Robbie~~, appear  
to be locked up in Italy.

I am deeply interested abt. W. Gifford's School.  
or the working children. Do tell the unbelievers.

That the mind is a mill which cannot ground  
without fire. but, the fire supplied, all attempts  
to turn the wheels round just interpreters with the  
the machinery! I send you some more

promising letters. but the plants will want  
careful nursing! How dear of you to tend it  
in these anxious times - anxious for us all -  
but as you say, times & strong reasons pass.

Scale Ho,.  
Ambleside.

I much wd. write more though there is a deal more to say. Oh yes. one thing more. but I must stop you about Mr. Allen who remembered you as a bride visiting Miss Linn's school when she was an idling child of ten.

Our delightful hope of getting Mr. Wood has fallen through. The regulations of the Dep<sup>t</sup>. will not allow of it. I cannot tell you how good he has been about it.

The memory of Paul's lovely little house lingers off the edge of the prairie at G. John's farm. but it is covered up. Give Mr. Steinthal my very affectionate sympathy - & my loving thoughts to the three sons & their sister. who help in their ways. so does not weep.

Much love from G. H. & very very much from your loving friend  
Chas.



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Ambleside.

23.11.1914

My dearest - Lewis

We have had Professor  
Campagna (Liverpool University)  
here for our Annual Inspection.  
He is keen about introducing our  
work amongst the Liverpool Schools  
wants to know how best to do it  
what his prospects of success are.

I told him what I could about your  
plans & was him part of your  
letter about Miss Ambles School.

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He has a big school of 1000  
children - very poor. I said "better  
not try. The children are too poor".

He said, - "but if someone (I for  
example) spent £50 on books  
for 2 classes, could it not be done?"

Then - has to begin it?

He has gone so far as to make up  
his mind to ask Mr. Franklin

(for whom he has a great regard)

to come & speak to the Liverpool  
teachers. I wonder could you be

good enough to write to him - the

briefest possible account of the

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various steps you have taken —  
how the teachers have organised  
meetings & so on. Of course you  
have nothing in the world to  
do & that is why I can fearlessly  
offer you another task.

And this sort of thing is part of  
the job you have undertaken  
because your experience is unique.

I would not have had a word to  
say to Professor C — if I had not

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has you to full back upon.  
all hail! dear friend!

Ever so much love.

C. H.

(E. H. H.)

Excuse dictated letter. Turn  
kind after the Inspection which  
was capitally done. I want to  
Thank Mr. Wood letter.  
Respectfully from R. H.

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Ambleside.

21. 1. 1857

Dear Miss Ambler

I am delighted  
with your most-successful  
experiments.

The children have done  
extremely well in every  
subject. The best is the  
most remarkable seeing  
that they took the examination



after a six weeks' absence.  
 but - that is what we find.  
 Childrens laugh - is this  
 way dont forget.

I am much struck  
 by the able way in which  
 your teachers have taken  
 up the method - your  
 way of conducting the  
 examination answers  
 perfectly. The teachers

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have written the words  
of the children so  
faithfully that each  
child's way of telling  
is quite evident.

The work of Class Ia is  
usually done by children  
of six who are only  
beginning to read & write.  
but your Ia who read  
as well as write are

quite equal to the work  
 of 15. Which I dare say  
 you are doing this term.  
 The one or two children  
 of six do the work very  
 well indeed.

May I congratulate  
 you & your teachers on  
 doing work that may be  
 of great service to the country.

The papers will reach you  
 later with the examiner's  
 report. Cordially yours  
 Charles McMurry

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Ambleside.

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Dear Sir,  
Mr. Ambler's  
work has just arrived  
& is most triumphantly  
good! The boy of  
a 'limited vocabulary'  
has rammed in  
much & education  
which is education



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is open to the people.

Do just think of all  
it means - I cannot  
tell you how happy  
I am about it -

& you have done it all.  
ever gratefully  
Chas.

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Ambleside.

28. 1. -15-

Dearest Linnie

How much did you get time  
to write me a dear little letter with a  
remembrance of long ago. Yes, I  
remember that "jilt-edged" meeting  
& didn't love it & am just as much  
more interested in Miss Ambler's school.

The promise of more classes joining  
is very exciting because that means  
that the children themselves will use  
the books. It is also accomplished, perhaps  
the Board (or someone else. If, for example, with  
have the papers printed & distributed &  
seeing that children need not be denied  
education on the ground of "no overburdening"  
papers will begin to take things seriously,

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Ambleside.

Send me a line about your Soldier  
Sometimes. I had drawn me two or  
three little colored portraits (over days  
of prints) that I may know where to  
plant you. How does

You will like to know that our small  
class of new students is a particularly  
nice one. There are always compensations.  
And a few hard businesses are awaiting  
to the point that girls trained here have  
a more than usually interesting & cap  
career. Also, have you a day of  
Sweet-Sundries? A visible demonstration  
that All's rights with the world - & I do  
believe we are coming out of all this distress  
a more spiritually minded folk. That  
is worth even a war, isn't it? When you want  
a nice restful book, read for "A Literary Friendship"  
much love  
from you C.M.

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Ambleside.

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Dearest Annie

I am continually  
anxious about you & your  
is now distressing &  
increasing day. I  
know you will say, - But  
of course, all is well.

God sits above the world.  
& change, as it may seem,



I shouldnt wonder if  
his was vent to vindicate  
man's spiritual nature -  
as that built his life -

Thank you for letting  
me see the clever little  
cinema thing. Of course  
it justifies our contention  
that the gift of expression  
does not belong to any  
class - & that it is there

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in all, waiting its  
 opportunity. Otherwise,  
 it gives the sort of comfort(?)  
 that one gets in reading  
 child's reading & penny  
 dreadful. doesn't it?  
 Poor little Nellie! One's  
 heart goes out to her.  
 Yes. of course her  
 is poetry - & melodrama!  
 but poetry is there <sup>in all the children</sup>  
 isn't it?

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our defficulty will be  
to make people see that  
Composition is no more  
education than are  
reading & writing -  
Knowledge only!

What a beautiful  
story of a father!  
Did I tell you he had  
a Belgian Aunt &  
one phant here?

Always love you  
Chr

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Scale How,

Ambleside.

Nov. 28-1893

My dearest Lizzie

How very glad I  
am that you are going  
to Uppingham - as have your  
kind the dear people there  
will make much of you.  
I wish I were quite

happy about that operation.  
My fear is that it is not  
averted - but only postponed  
to reassure me when

you need wait if you can.  
I am dismayed that



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You have undertaken the  
Sec. work for the M. U. - I am  
one will be forthcoming in way  
time to fill the post. but - how  
shocking & sad about that poor  
lady. There again is want  
of education!

I wonder, dear, what you  
when you come back ad.  
minister £20 for me to  
Miss Ambler - "from a  
friend." She must have  
her books next - yes. Yes

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I know the principle is bad -  
on the other hand the need  
for education is pressing  
upon us frightfully. I  
wonder what the large teacher  
meant when she said  
she had a grant for the books  
she wanted for Wakefield -

You must not do  
more than you can even  
for the sake of the schools.

Thank you for writing  
so fully about Miss Fenner.  
We shall let you know how  
things go. Give my love to "Edith" &  
your ever loving Am.

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on the corner  
of Long

Scale How,

Ambleside.

Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> 1915

My dearest-Lenie

What quite delightful  
news + I love Anthony!  
Of course that charming  
young Mother conducted  
herself according to the  
most modern customs  
+ the best precedents.

All the same, I rejoice  
greatly that both Mother  
+ Child are doing so well.

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uses hands!

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Ambleside.

See to him as to an ordinary  
man not let in authority.

If Punch is right about  
grandmanmores it's just  
a well that Anthony should  
come before Francesca.

But what a joy for the  
whole family. convey  
my loving congratulations  
and a feather-light kiss  
on the little hand.

Of course you feel great  
aspiration! & certainly not



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Ambleside.

Ask Mr. Sturthel if he  
recollects how he & I went  
round around Mrs  
Manningham square  
waiting for news when  
Anthony's paper came  
to town. George Meredith  
knows all about it!  
And where is the dear Park  
& how soon can he arrive  
to see his son? The access  
of dignity cannot be as

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Ambleside.

Article by Arnold Bennett is  
a cry. I do think he has  
educational insight. Do  
you remember articles in  
a book he wrote about 'Our  
United States'? I think no  
one else has shown the  
same shrewd insight  
into that vast theme, the  
American School - get  
him by all means -

But of course Anthony  
would not - call on you to join  
in the risk of life & limb! I am  
most sincerely glad that the weather  
has kept you in. Yr. loving (Cm.)

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Ambleside.

But there is Herdith v.  
"the fabric" to consider v.  
The reason feels you must  
not waste your strength  
on other matters.

One also says - "all that  
"Bery" letter only meant  
don't do more than you  
can but get other people

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to do the work - but  
please does you think  
best". "Of course I am  
as Anthony's order".

With the flower's deer  
for 1916  
love & all good wishes to  
all at Home Stead (✓  
for special love to the  
grandchildren)

Yours, your affec

Ernie Kitching  
(2001)

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Ambleside.

Think of one for each student  
beside some big Medici  
pictures for Donatelli. Was it  
not a happy thought?

and I should like to see the  
beautiful piece of illumination  
that an old student has done  
the equally beautiful letters  
addresses.

Because all these things interest  
you I know.

By the way. The students are  
rather unhappy about the written



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little badge that we have for  
the school.

Mr. Bishop offers to have the  
badge carried out for the sake  
of her by the color band the  
school raised quite a sum. I've  
done for a good design. Are you  
going to make us one?

Here ~~the~~ present badge has a  
class (true to the kind and spirit  
of head & home) of the school  
wrote that it is well all  
well done.

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Ambleside.

Dear delightful Mr. Eric has sent  
me his paper which I am so very  
glad to have for she just offers the  
hints we are all so glad to get.  
I shall hold it back till October  
which I am trying to make a strong  
number.

Much love (in which E.K. wishes  
other people could) if (they ~~know~~)  
are learning from

E.K. Henson

I am mending <sup>(stitching)</sup> fast we are not quite well  
yet.